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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Objections to Claims

The objections set forth in items 1 and 2 on page 2 of the Official Action have been addressed by amending line 13 of claim 1 to read  $-\underline{an}$  adjusting step-, and by properly

spacing the lines in claims 9 and 10.

2. Rejection of Claims 1-15 Under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph

This rejection has been addressed by correcting the antecedence errors noted in items

5-12 on pages 2-3 of the Official Action.

It is noted that claim 1 (and therefore all claims that depend therefrom) is indicated

as allowable in items 14-15 on page 3 of the Official Action.

Having thus overcome each of the objections and rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the objections and rejections and expedited passage of the application

to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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